

# **MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM**

## **AMERICORPS FUNDING WEBINAR KEY POINTS**

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### **1. Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Priority Focus Areas:**

- a. Disaster Services
- b. Economic Opportunity
- c. Education
- d. Environmental Stewardship
- e. Healthy Futures
- f. Veterans & Military Families

**2. Key Elements for AmeriCorps Programs—the Big 4:** Unmet community need in national priority funding area, engagement of AmeriCorps members in direct human and/or environmental service, measurable and attainable community outcomes within the AmeriCorps term of service, and transformational service experience for AmeriCorps members.

**3. Types of Programs Funded:** Various, including rural youth conservation corps, urban teacher corps, and inter-generational programs; program model is based on local community need.

**4. Who's Eligible to Apply?** Nonprofit and government organizations; must provide direct services to citizens/environment; must address CNCS focus areas and national performance measures; must not engage in lobbying or receive other CNCS funds for the same project.

**5. GOSV Grant Cycles:** Fall (national competitive) and spring (state formula); the grant year for the next funding cycle is September 1, 2015–August 31, 2016.

**6. Types of Grants:** Program and planning.

**7. Estimated Total Program Funding:** In the most recent funding cycle, program grants ranged from \$133,000 to \$686,000. The GOSV typically receives more than twice as much in requests as funds available.

**8. Matching Funds Required:** Minimum 24% cash or in-kind.

**9. Prohibited Activities (for AmeriCorps members, staff, and volunteers):** Political advocacy and religious instruction; limits on fundraising and clerical support.

**10. How to Apply for a Program Grant?** Submit a Concept Papers for the 2015–2016 grant cycle by the October 15, 2014 to be considered for the 2015 AmeriCorps State grant competition. If invited to apply, the deadline for a full grant application submission will be November 13, 2014.

**11. Resources:** Find information on GOSV grant-making and volunteer recognition at [GOSV.maryland.gov](http://GOSV.maryland.gov). Find information on CNCS focus areas and national performance measures at [nationalservice.gov](http://nationalservice.gov) and [nationalserviceresources.org](http://nationalserviceresources.org).